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SUBJECT: FRENCH SHIP VISIT TO BASRA

1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR TOLD ME SEPT 22 THAT FRENCH DESTROYER ESCORT HAD PAID UNOFFICIAL PORT CALL AT BASRA LAST WEEK. PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS AREA ORIENTATION TOUR BY CAPTAIN SWEITZER, NEWLY APPOINTED CHIEF OF FRANCE'S SMALL INDIAN OCEAN FLEET. HE DESCRIBED SOON-TO-BE-ADMIRAL SWEITZER, WHO IS SON OF FORMER IMF DIRECTOR, AS BRILLANT OFFICER. HE SAID FRENCH NAVAL VESSEL HAD MADE SIMILAR VISIT TO BASRA LAST YEAR.

2. ALTHOUGH COURTESY CALLS EXCHANGED WITH IRAQI NAVAL "COMMODORE", AMBASSADOR SAID HE ATTACHED NO SIGNIFICANCE TO VISIT. LOWRIE

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